

has really made a difference. And you have to give Bill the credit for picking this kind of talent and giving them an opportunity.

I also remember he was chief counsel for EDA under the Ford administration. That may be where I first met him and where he really developed a knowledge of our economic development system. One of his legacies was the Clinger-Cohen bill, which put the Government Responsibility Act in place, which held government agencies responsible.

During his time and tenure, one of the problems that faced Pennsylvania, and I as a Senator and he as a Congressman, was the abandonment of railroads. He and his staff just led that fight. Pennsylvania now, in my district, has the most regional railroads, and it is thanks to Bill Clinger. He saved many of those lines from being totally abandoned and helped form the regional railroads. One that I remember was the Allegheny Railroad that connected Erie and Emporia, Pennsylvania, which the wood industry used exclusively. The Oil Creek, Titusville Railroad, which is a scenic railroad through a beautiful park, and the oil heritage region that is now there was one of the first real successful scenic lines in Pennsylvania. The Nittany and Bald Eagle lines, which became part of the Seda Cog Rail System, which is now serving that region well. The Tioga County, Wellsville into New York line. These were all lines that Bill Clinger and his staff and his efforts preserved and are now serving this area well.

The 219 passing lane was an issue where he got funding numerous times to take a crooked road and get passing lanes on the hill. They all wanted a four-lane highway, which probably will never happen; but he did a lot of improvements to that.

Another area where he really excelled was bringing the use of our waste coal piles in Pennsylvania into making energy. He was the one that helped put together the scrubgrass plant in Venango County, and the Ringgold plant over in Clarion County, and was very helpful in bringing the Allegheny Particle Board plant that makes particle board using wastewood into our region.

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He brought the FCI McKean Prison, which now employs hundreds of people in my district; and those are legacy issues that he and his staff were directly involved in and responsible for.

He also was one of those who created the revolving loan programs that our EDA and Appalachia Regional Commissions use now to help small communities with small grants that they continue to use over and over by reloading them to small businesses. Some of those revolving loan programs are quite large now and are very much a part of our economic development system. In fact, his legacy recently in this

administration, Ric Peltz, who was the one I worked with, is now the co-director of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and has just continued the legacy of Bill Clinger back here in Washington. In fact, I want to say this before I conclude. I had lunch with Bill this summer over at the La Colline, one of his favorite eating places, and he is just doing well. He is mentally sharp and in good spirits and happy with what his life is allowing him to teach and be a part of the leadership of the Chautauqua Institution, and he and Judy are doing just fine, and I want to publicly thank them for their friendship to me and the legacy they left in Pennsylvania and in Washington.

One of the toughest issues he worked on was a compromise on wilderness. We had a Congressman in Pennsylvania who wanted to make the Allegheny National Forest all wilderness, and he cut out a compromise and got that passed. Also the wild and scenic rivers, those were a little more controversial issues, he took some heat for those, but I think they were good decisions. He was wise in how he handled them in taking on those tough issues, and I think when he was here he chaired the Wednesday Group, which now may be the Tuesday Group or I think may even have another name.

But Bill was a leader. If you knew Bill, you liked him. If you knew Bill, you knew he was smart and you respected him. Today, I think it is a delight to honor him by naming the Warren post office the William Clinger Post Office. I had a Senate office for years right around the corner, and great traffic in that part of town. People will see it and remember, as they should, that Bill Clinger was their Congressman and he served them admirably.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3549, a bill to designate a post office in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building."

Mr. Clinger was the distinguished chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee when I first came to Congress in 1995. I became one of his subcommittee chairmen, and I will be forever grateful to him for showing me the ropes on this Committee.

Many of my colleagues are probably familiar with the Clinger-Cohen Act, which transformed the way the Federal Government plans for, acquires and manages information technology investments.

I was proud to have worked with Chairman Clinger on this important law that will be celebrating its 10th anniversary early next year.

Anyone who knows Bill Clinger would not be surprised with his response upon learning that a post office would be named in his honor. He told us he considered it a major success when a dog run in Punxsatawny and a sewage treatment plant in Dubois, Pennsylvania were named for him—having a post office named after him was beyond his wildest dreams.

Mr. Clinger's graciousness and respect for others set an example for all Members who served with him.

I am proud to be here today to express my strong support for H.R. 3549, a lasting tribute to the life and work of William F. Clinger.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3549, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. Biggert). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3549.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

U.S. CLEVELAND POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3830) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3830

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. U.S. CLEVELAND POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3830.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 3830, introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY). This bill will designate this post office in Punta

Gorda, Florida as the U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building. All members of the Florida delegation have co-sponsored this legislation.

Ulysses Samuel Cleveland was born September 7, 1919, in Boca Grande, Florida, to Cleve and Jean Cleveland. At the age of 2, Cleveland moved to Charlotte County's Punta Gorda with his family, the town that he would later dedicate a lifetime to preserving its history.

In 1941, U.S. Cleveland was drafted and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He oversaw 20 radio crews with the 3103 Signal Service Battalion. He was a part of the secret disinformation campaign that misled the Nazis and helped contribute to the success of the Normandy invasion. Mr. Cleveland and his unit were credited by Supreme Commander General Dwight Eisenhower with saving the D-Day landing.

After World War II, Cleveland returned to Punta Gorda and became the assistant postmaster. He worked for the U.S. Post Office for nearly four decades. During that time he devoted much of his life to archiving old photos, newspaper clippings, and all kinds of Charlotte County records. With all of his historical records he co-authored two volumes of local history entitled "Our Fascinating Past."

Besides being a well-known historian, U.S. Cleveland also dedicated much of his time to various charities within the community. He produced monthly newsletters for the American Legion Post in Punta Gorda and provided and managed sound systems for various community events, including the Florida International Air Show. He was also the treasurer for the Punta Gorda Historical Society, historian for the Kiwanis Club, and a charter member of the Punta Gorda and Charlotte County Historic Preservation boards.

Although U.S. Cleveland passed away this year at the age of 85, his legacy of public service lives on in Charlotte County, Florida. His vast historic collection, now in storage, will be added to by his fellow historians in time to come. I urge all members to join me in honoring this fine man and his quest to preserve the history of his hometown of Punta Gorda, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I support H.R. 3830, and I salute the sponsor, the gentleman from Florida, for his work on this measure.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As a member of the House Government Reform Committee, I am pleased to join with my colleague, the chairman of our subcommittee, the gentleman from Nevada, in consideration of H.R. 3830, legislation naming the postal facility in Punta Gorda, Florida, after the late Ulysses Samuel Cleveland. This measure, which was introduced by Representative MARK FOLEY

on September 20, 2005, and unanimously reported by our committee on September 29, 2005, enjoys the support and co-sponsorship of the entire Florida delegation.

Mr. Cleveland, or U.S. as he liked to be called, was a native of Punta Gorda, Florida. After serving in the Army, he returned to his hometown where he became the assistant postmaster for Charlotte County. Mr. Cleveland later became the historian for the Punta Gorda Kiwanis Club and charter member for the Punta Gorda and Charlotte County Historic Preservation boards, authoring books on local history.

Unfortunately, his home was destroyed during Hurricane Charley in August of 2004. He lost his collection of photographs and historical artifacts. U.S. Cleveland passed away on April 22, 2005, a great citizen, a great historian, a person who is deserving of this honor. I commend my colleague for naming the post after the late Ulysses Samuel Cleveland, and I urge swift passage of this bill.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Nevada and thank the gentleman from Illinois for their kind introduction of our good friend and dear former citizen and resident, Ulysses Samuel Cleveland. Many of those listening to the testimony may recognize the name and they are struggling to remember where they heard the term Punta Gorda, Florida; but I can tell you August 13 was a startling day in Punta Gorda when Hurricane Charley approached landfall and did significant damage to our constituents. U.S. Cleveland was one of those who suffered the loss of his home. He was in the process of rehabilitating it and retrofitting it, because one of the unique features of U.S. was the fact that he made a lifetime commitment out of caring for his son Dallas who has Down's Syndrome from birth.

So not only was he a native of the region, not only was he a veteran of our Nation, not only was he the assistant postmaster of our community, not only had he spent 83 long years as an active member of our community. He also showed the full measure of devotion to the children, his own particularly, who had been brought into this world with a challenge, a challenge so many other families face.

This past weekend I happened to be in Palm Beach County where they were having the Down's Syndrome Walk, families celebrating the lives of their children who have been challenged, but with the support and strength of their family they have been able to overcome that adversity. U.S. was a father and a principled citizen who gave his devotion to both family, community, and always above self, which was the hallmark of American patriots.

It was noted that Supreme Commander General Dwight Eisenhower credited his unit with saving the D-Day landing at Normandy. We mentioned him coming back home. One of the great things about Florida, and of course it is a State now with 16 million people, but the year of his birth there were very few. Florida was an emerging little area in the south of the United States, and our population was not what it is near today, and certainly he was part of that beautiful community, Punta Gorda, in Charlotte County.

And so today we do rise as we do so often to commend the life's work of citizens who are deserving of this high honor. We do not name post offices after everyone, and it is not always the fact that they may have been postal employees. But this significance to Mr. Cleveland was the fact of his devotion to family, devotion to community, devotion to Nation, and of course being a historian for Punta Gorda.

Those in southwest Florida know this beautiful community of ours, and they know full well of his devotion to that community. By cataloging the photos of early days, he was able to, as was mentioned, co-author two volumes of a local history book called "Our Fascinating Past." These are the hallmarks of a great and giant man.

Unfortunately, he passed away this spring due to complications from pneumonia. He was married to Yvonne Cleveland who preceded him in death, and he is survived by three sons, Max, Keith, and Dallas.

I thank the members of the committee, my colleagues, for allowing us to present this bill to the floor and for their expedition in bringing it to the floor. I would like to thank my district director, Dick Keene, who lives in the Punta Gorda area for his work on this bill and also Jeffrey Ostermayer for helping us bring about this tribute to a fine American. I would like to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS), the chairman of the committee, for bringing this bill to the House floor so quickly.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3830.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WILLIE VAUGHN POST OFFICE

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3853) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the Willie Vaughn Post Office.